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### ***Davis Awards \$500,000 Grant to Ingalls for Water and Sewer Project***

INDIANAPOLIS—Lt. Gov. Kathy Davis today awarded a \$500,000 Community Focus Fund grant to the town of Ingalls in Madison County for water and wastewater treatment upgrades.

The town of Ingalls has announced plans to extend the service of the Fall Creek Regional Waste District to include three developments and individual structures along County Road 650 W. to the intersection of County Road 800 S. and State Road 13. Currently these areas utilize dry well, gravity-fed or sub-surface septic systems. Recent additions to the town's 12-inch water main have put these areas within reach of the Fall Creek Regional Waste District.

"The town of Ingalls has made a conscious decision to improve utility service to its citizens," said Davis, who serves as the director of the Indiana Department of Commerce. "We are pleased to have the opportunity to give support to a worthy and necessary cause."

The new plan is to abandon the sites' current on-site disposal systems and join the town's pressure sewer system with a series of small diameter laterals, a valve vault and a grinder pump. It will also require the installation of 800 linear feet of waterline through an easement.

The Community Focus Fund (CFF) is a federally funded grant program administered by the Indiana Department of Commerce. The funding is available to small cities, towns and counties for construction projects designed to benefit low- to moderate-income individuals or to eliminate blight in communities. Grants are awarded through competitive funding rounds to assist small communities in long-term development projects.

Projects eligible for CFF grants include local infrastructure improvements, childcare facilities, senior and community centers, downtown revitalization and fire stations and fire trucks. Up to \$500,000 is available per applicant. A match of at least 10 percent is required from the grant recipient.

In this, the second round of funding for 2004, 37 Hoosier communities shared in nearly \$15 million in funding.

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For more information about the CFF grant program, contact the Office of Community Assistance in the Community Development Division of the Indiana Department of Commerce at 800.824.2476 or access its Web site at [www.indianacommerce.com](http://www.indianacommerce.com).

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